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The biggest thing Senator Bob Reynolds "Vindicators" will have to vindicate is their vindication.

It couldn't be, of course, that Congress wants to know what the President's foreign policy is, just so the members can oppose it.

Mussolini, we reckon, wants to leave Italian soldiers in Spain so they can build him a few aircastles against the day when it gets too hot for him in Italy.

The Senate announces that its leaders are about to get together on a plan for the liquidation of cotton. The farmers should get ready to grab the grass.

"Uncle Billy"

Elkin again was called upon to follow to the grave one of her beloved old landmarks Monday when we paid sincere and loving tribute to that grand old man, William Sanford Gough. The sorrow and grief in his loss by death, was not softened by the fact that it was expected.

"Uncle Billy" was Elkin's oldest citizen. The years had furrowed his brow, but his heart was that of a boy—unscarred by the vicissitudes of time and life. He was tolerant, he was thoughtful, he was kind and at eighty-eight he retained to a remarkable degree the viewpoint of youth. He was able to sympathize with the younger generation, able to think in terms of the present, willing to adjust himself to new surroundings, and live out his span of more than three score years and ten with that aplomb that characterized the Southern Gentleman that he

In his heyday, "Uncle Billy" was an important cog in the industrial life of this little city. He helped tremendously to make it what it is today in more ways than industrially, for he was a devout churchman, a loyal Mason, and deeply interested in civic affairs. His wise counsel and good judgment helped to steer all these factors out into safe, dependable waters and away from the rocks. In our appraisal of his life Elkin has much to thank him for-a debt of gratitude that we gladly attest.

Yadkin gave Uncle Billy to us, and Yadkin gave of its best. It is right and proper that Yadkin should be honored at the last by reclaiming him through eternity.

To his sorrowing family and friends we can only say that his life and record through the years, stands as a monument more meaningful than granite to inspire them to the same sort of citizenship that Uncle Billy exemplified. God rest his soul.

Surry's Tobacco Farmers

In December the tobacco farmers voted against marketing quotas, which is just another way of saying crop control. They voted against it, not to the extent of a twothirds majority, as the law requires for approval, although had it not been for objection to minor faults in administration, faults that have little to do with the principle of control, it is freely predicted that there would have been the two-thirds vote of ap-

Now that the program has been shelved for 1939, leaders in the tobacco belt are wondering what to expect. Certainly if there is a bumper crop this year, prices will hit the toboggan, the tobacco farmers will swap their summer's toil and sweat for a warehouse ticket that shows no profit. That will be the farmer's price for freedom to do as he doggoned pleases

And basing their prediction on past per-formance of the tobacco farmers, many are predicting that they will go the limit in production this year, and flood the warehouses to the delight of the tobacco buyers.

But right now it appears that Surry county farmers, having cut their eyeteeth, will follow the advice of their farm leaders and hold their production to an even keel. Which is to say that they don't propose to gamble a summer's toil against the possibility of another big surplus and the attending low prices. That resolve should be adhered to determinedly. There are other profitable uses to which they can put their acres and if other farmers in other sections want to rush headlong into disaster, let them. It would be a monument to Surry's agricultural intelligence, if when the poundage is totaled this fall it is found that it belies the prediction that the farmers are a lot of boneheads who will bury themselves in tobacco in 1939. If they make reasonable curtailment of their production, voluntarily, they will be pointing the way to others, and it is the sincere belief in this corner that if they divert their efforts intelligently in other directions they will be anything but losers in the end.

We Prefer to Think—

Measures introduced in the General As embly sometimes get lost in the shuffle, but more often than not when they are side tracked it is because they have been pigeonholed on purpose or through negle any rate, voters who are interested in what goes into the legislative hopper, should also be interested in what comes out-if any-

Senator Fred Folger introduced a bill in the legislature to put Surry county under the statewide primary act, and we are interested in the following comment by a Raleigh correspondent of one of the State

"Mr. Folger introduced this bill by request." The measure came down from county headquarters. If it is pushed through the assembly somebody besides Senator Folger is go-ing to do the shoving . . The senator is op-posed to primaries. Of course his county must vote on State candidacies when other counties ballot, but the little family affairs in the county are not settled by plebiscite. The Folgers are rated that family and seldom do they hang up their Democratic linen for inspection of the neighbors. They don't mean to do it this

We prefer to think that this does not correctly represent Senator Folger's atti-tude. It smacks too much of an overlordship that we feel sure Mr. Folger does not want to assume. If the commentator is right when he says that the "measure came down from county headquarters," then one must assume that it represents the wishes of a considerable number of voters, and if Mr. Folger won't do any "shoving" it is obvious that these voters will be disappointed. Nor will their disappointment be softened by this implied defiance of their wishes.

But we are repeating that it would please us greatly to know that this newsman's appraisal does not reflect Senator Folger's attitude—not because of the issue, but because of the autocratic spirit involved.

Not that it will matter a great deal to anybody, but the notion of this corner is that putting Surry county under the statewide primary act, would be a good thing. As iniquitous as the primary has been made, it is right in principle, for it is a democratic process that gives the people a voice which they do not have under the convention system. One has only to open his eyes to see that the convention system is delegated authority from the precinct meeting on up, and seldom it is that a master hand is not moving the pawns on the chessboard, even before the "ayes" are heard at the precinct meeting.

The wisdom of the Democrats of North Carolina gave us the primary, and if through their wisdom it can be purged of its faults, faults that need not be when there is honest and righteous purpose, then democracy can best be served by employing it in preference to the cut and dried and hamstrung convention system.

Not Ready Yet

The bill introduced by Representative Roper, of Lincoln county, to abolish capital punishment, was killed in committee. Very few expected it to get beyond that stage. As desirable as that end may be, the legislators are not ready to take that step yet. But it will come. But in the meantime there will be the usual number annually to be shunted out into eternity and who will not be here to benefit from a more humane and straightthinking people. And in all probability some of them will have been innocent of the crime for which we kill them.

No, the legislators are too busy to pester with a little thing like life and death. But it is encouraging to note that more than a few stood up and earnestly urged that the State stop its legal killing. And each new session of the legislature finds additions to session of the legislature finds additions to

the list. Representative Roper reminds that the Policeman Corbett Wall. All testi- utes before interment in the fameighty-five persons executed in North Carolina in the last five years was more than in any one of forty-one other States. Concerning this record, the Raleigh News and Observer says:

"It may mean, of course, that this State is the most efficient among all the States in the detection, capture and conviction of those guilty of major crime. It may mean, however, that North Carolina has the most violent cit-izenship. It may mean that in the most violent State the ultimate punishment is most often resorted to. But if North Carolina has been killing most criminals and continues to have the most to kill, the violence of the State does not seem to be accomplishing the public

Other states in which capital punishment was abolished forty years ago have fewer major crimes than North Carolina, per thousand population. That alone cuts the ground from under the argument that the State must kill in order to discourage killers. Not one murderer in ten thousand stops to ponder the difference between death and life imprisonment, when he is about to kill. And history records many victims of the State's wrath who have been innocent. One such case should be enough to stop the practice. Far better to put the offender to work for the rest of his natural life, fence the pardoning power in, and let him produce something for the society he has wronged. When he is dead he cannot do that, and if innocent, when he is dead it

is too late for the State to make amends. The legislature killed the Roper bill, but some of these days another legislature will pass one like it. God pity the poor devil who doesn't get the benefit of it in the some of these days another legislature will pass one like it. God pity the poor devil who doesn't get the benefit of it in the some of the fire department, with assistants in Bobby Harris, Gra-Mount Pleasant, Mountain Park, ham Johnson and Graham Zach-Yadkinville, East Bend, Ronda, Roaring River, Mt. View River, Mt

"Motto for young housewives: 'If at first you don't succeed, fry and fry again." Toronto Daily Star.

But she's in for a hatful of disappointment if she thinks his feet will stop wandering after they are married.

Boost of Liquor Levy Is Refused; Rail Tax Is Cut

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'crowns" on which is inscribed: 'North Carolina tax paid."

Another victory for the admin- Johnson home istration was chalked up in the a flank attack on diversion was turned back by a 29-20 vote.

Another proposal, to increase municipalities by \$1,000,000 in theft after talking to Mrs. Jake 1939-41, was also rejected. The Brown, wife of the Yadkin jailer, voting was 25-20.

commission, the appropriations When the theft was first discommittee voted to increase the covered, Della Privette, 17, of state highway patrol from 120 to

cut the recommended school allotment by approximately \$241,000.

Chief Graham Is

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to whether Chief Graham was in uniform, Brown replied in the af-firmative, stating also that he was wearing his police badge. He also admitted the warrant for the officer's arrest was sworn out after he and Morrison had been arrested on a charge preferred by John Mayberry. He said Morrison swore out the warrant because "he thought it the thing to

drinking."

The prosecution rested following Bryan's testimony, and Mrs. Miss Sarah Fleming and after to pay their license and privilege her death to Mrs. Carrie Phillips. the defense. She told the court that she had danced with the officer and that later she had Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mrs. T. F. PLAN BOX SUPPER talked with him for about an hour Johnson, Hamptonville; David F. AT ROARING testified that she and her husband left the dance between 1:00 and 2:00 a. m. with friends, and that Cheif Graham was with that Cheif Graham was with them, offering to take them home rites were in charge of the pasin his car, but did not do so when tor, Rev. P. W. Tucker, assisted they were given a ride by another by Rev. L. B. Abernethy, a former friend who was just leaving. The pastor, Prof. Z. H. Dixon, a close officer was sober at that time, friend of the family, and Rev. J.

that the officer was sober and with Masonic honors and memhad danced with or had observed pallbearers. the police chief and who said fied that Graham was not in uni- ily plot in this historic old cemeform, but was wearing civilian tery clothes.

Following the presentation of and E. C. James, appearing for bute to an honorable life. the defense and prosecution respectively, argued the case, being limited to five minutes each.

After rendering a verdict of not guilty, Magistrate Hall termed the action frivolous and malicious and taxed the prosecution with the costs. Notice of appeal was immediately given.

Scouts Do Good Job In Governing Town (Continued from Page One)

cost of such signals, but found the cost prohibitive at the present basketballs for the two all-tourntime. He said that signals of the ament teams to be selected, five quality used in other towns would to go to the boys, six to the girls. cost about \$1,500 to buy and install at principal intersections.

"town officials" Fred Norman, mayor; Robert night, two boys' games and two Nicks, secretary-treasurer; Jim- girls'. Included in the list of my Harrell, Dick Smith, Jr., and teams to take part are many Eugene Aldridge, police.

was made up of Charles Colhard, ball that should keep spectators chairman, Harold Brendle, Worth literally on the edge of their Graham, Jr., Gayle Graham and seats. Jimmy Hanks. Bill Graham was Sch

good idea to turn the job over to have book them permanently. He, as well play.

as other town officials, appeared well pleased with the job they the gymnasium will offer ample room for parking.

Confesses Theft Of \$420 In Cash

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the theft to Jonesville Police Chief Hugh Madison, showing by selling distributors caps or him where the money was hidden in a jar concealed in a small pile of brush about a mile from the

Rash, who was arrested at the appropriations committee, where time of the robbery and held on suspicion, constantly maintained he was innocent of the charge. In Another proposal, to increase jail for several weeks, the man money allotted for roads within was said to have admitted the and to Madison Monday night. Following the recommendation offering to lead the officer to the of the Governor and the budget place of the money's concealment.

Wilkes county, who was said to The committee refused to grant ed on a charge of conspiracy to public school teachers a second rob the Johnsons. Officers stated hearing on proposed salary in- that the girl secured a job in the creases, but decided to reconsider Johnson home at the instigation its action of last Friday, which of Rash, learned where the money was kept, and then informed him

Chief Madison said the girl took \$10.00 of the money herself. Rash, upon learning of its whereabouts from her, was said to have Found Not Guilty entered the home while the family was out, secured the money, and carried it about a mile distant where he concealed it in a brush pile. He was arrested shortly afterward.

> of Brooks Cross Roads, assisted insurance of \$5,000 per single Madison in recovering the money.

Elkin's Oldest Citizen ers were of the opinion that local Passes Sunday A. M. taxis would be unable to operate

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Byron Bryan, member of the the Elkin Methodist church and mum 20 cent rate in an effort to string band which furnished a regular attendant at church protect the taxi-riding public, music for the square dance at the services until his final illness. He ball, was the second witness to be had been a member of the Ma- inate against any particular taxi presented. Bryan stated he left sonic fraternity for 60 years, firm, it was said. the dance about 1:00 a.m. but serving in important offices in came back later. He testified he the fraternity. He had also servent out to Graham's car and that the officer gave him a drink that the office of whisky which he (Bryan), and as chairman of the Board of doesn't concern the safety of the 1940 or this notice will be plead described as corn. He said he Town Commissioners. Quiet and public. did not see the policeman take a unassuming in his manner but a drink. He also testified the offi-deep and clear thinker, he comit was said, complied with insurcer was not drunk but "had been manded the respect of those who ance provisions of the law requirknew him.

Immediate survivors are four children by the first marriage: and that he was not drunk and Gough, Elkin, and Mrs. L. D. Kelhad not been drinking. She also ly, Yadkinville; one sister, Mrs. stated that the police chief was Lloyd Windsor, Hamptonville, not in uniform, but was dressed and twenty-seven grandchildren in a dark brown suit. She also and twenty-seven great-grand-

H. Greene, the latter of Yadkin-Franklin Folger also testified ville. The rites were attended that he did not have on uniform. bers of the Masonic fraternity Other witnesses who said they were both active and honorary

The body lay in state at the that he was not drunk and had church from noon until the hour not been drinking were Mrs. Hu- of the funeral. Following the rites Boyles, John "Red" Scott, and the body lay in state for 30 min-

A profuse floral offering and the host of friends who attended evidence, attorneys W. M. Allen the last rites were a beautiful tri-

31 Teams Entered in 4-County Tourney

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ment, have already been received. Two 22-inch silver trophies, appropriately engraved, will be awarded the championship teams, one going to the boys' team, the other to the girls' team. Trophies for the teams taking second place are 12 inches in height; are of silver and engraved. There will also be awarded 11 sterling silver Officials are expecting large crowds for each day of play, and

promise four exciting games each crack squads that will offer a The board of commissioners fast and furious brand of basket-

Schools which have entered the sition of sanitary engineer.

Mayor Poindexter said SaturJonesville, Sparta, Beulah and
day afternoon that the scouts did Elkin. With the exception of such a good job of running the Beulah, which has entered a boys' town that maybe it would be a team only, all other schools will good idea to turn the job over to have both boys' and girls' team in

Fox Chase Ends On Front Porch Of Yadkin Man

One of the most peculiar endings ever recorded for a fox race was enacted at the home of J. R. Hall of the Friendship community near East Bend this week when a pack of fox hounds chased a red fox onto his front porch and killed it there, according to R. A. Jessup, of East Bend.

The fox was jumped by a ter leading them over a large part of Yadkin county, headed in the direction of Mr. Hall's where, exhausted, it took refuge on the front perch. Mr. Hall, aroused by the noise quickly went to investigate and found the animal dead. with the hounds standing

20-Cent Taxi Rate In Public Interest

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taxi war in form of price slashing would result in cancellation of such insurance.

It was also pointed out the rate of such insurance is \$125 Deputy Sheriff Henry Southard per year per car, which provides passenger and a maximum of \$10,000 liability for more than one passenger. The commissionat a sufficient profit to keep this insurance in effect if prices were slashed and thus set the miniinate against any particular taxi

pointed out, are not interested in the estate to present them to the

ing that all taxi operators carry He was twice married, first to such insurance. However, failure against them by John Mayberry

AT ROARING GAP

A box supper will be held at Roaring Gap school Saturday evening, February 18. The public s cordially invited to attend.



Harris Electric Co.

GROUP FAVORABLY REPORTS NEW BILL

Woodhouse Draws First Blood Following Hearing at Raleigh Tuesday

ARE SEEKING CHANGES

Representative Frank Woodhouse Tuesday afternoon saw his bill to put all Yadkin officials on a salary basis reported favorably by a unanimous vote following a public hearing at which representatives both parties from Yadkin had their say. The report was made by the House salaries and fees committee.

W. M. Allen, Elkin attorney, represented the group opposing the bill in its present state, claiming that the bill should be amended and certain eliminated.

The bill was introduced by Mr. Woodhouse as a part of the Democratic campaign platform.

RED ELKS DEFEAT MILLERS CREEK

The Elkin Red Elks edged out 28 to 26 decision Monday night at the local gymnasium over Millers Creek. Tonight the team will meet West Yadkin here.

Girls-Learn to be a Beauty Operator. Only a short time required to learn this high class profession. There is a demand for well trained operators. Enroll now. Write at once for special low rates. Hinshaw School of Beauty Culture. North Wilkesboro, N. C. 3-30c

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE Having qualified as Adminis-tratrix of the estate of W. J. Burlate of Surry County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against undersigned a Elkin, North Carolina on or before February 9th, in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 9th day of February, 1939. MOLLIE C. BURCHAM, Administratrix of the estate of W. J. Burcham, deceased Barker & Hampton, Attys. 3-17

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